

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons or animals within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a composition consisting of a liquid composition to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, ~~foreign matter removal, moisturizing, dish washing with soaps, and ironing clothes liquids~~, the liquid composition comprising an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting essentially of materials selected from the group consisting of water and alcohols.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the household function comprises cleaning of an inanimate surface.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the household function is selected from the group consisting of wood cleaning, glass cleaning, ceramic cleaning, metal cleaning, and composite cleaning.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the essential oil is an antibacterial agent.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.

6. The method of claim 2 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
7. The method of claim 3 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
8. The method of claim 4 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
9. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 5 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of as sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomile oil, costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.
10. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of as sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomile oil, costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.
11. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 5 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of as sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, oil, citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomile oil, costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed

extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

12. (CANCELLED)

13. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 6 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of as sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, citrus/mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

15. The method of claim 5 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

16. The method of claim 6 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

17. The method of claim 8 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

18. The method of claim 9 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

19. The method of claim 11 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

20. The method of claim 12 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A household cleaning product for effecting aromatherapy to an ambient environment comprising a liquid composition comprising at least 0.2% by total weight of an antibacterial essential oil and a separate ingredient that effects a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, starching, polishing, and wood finishing.
22. (CANCELLED)
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25. (CANCELLED)
26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a liquid composition to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, foreign matter removal, ~~foreign matter removal~~, ~~moisturizing~~, washing dish with soaps, and ironing liquids, the liquid composition comprising only two liquid solvents and an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment.
27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons within a room comprising directly applying a composition consisting of a liquid composition to an

inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, ~~foreign matter removal, moisturizing and ironing clothes~~, the liquid composition having an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the room to effect aromatherapy on persons within the room, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting essentially of water and alcohols.

28. (CURRENTLY ADDED) The method of claim 27 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.

29. (NEW) The method of claim 27 wherein two separate and different compositions each consisting of a liquid composition having the same aromatherapeutic essential oil are applied to different inanimate surfaces to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing and ironing clothes, each liquid composition having an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household functions, allowing the same aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the room to effect aromatherapy on persons within the room, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting essentially of water and alcohols.

30. (NEW) The method of claim 27 wherein two separate and different compositions each consisting of a liquid composition having the same aromatherapeutic essential oil are applied to different inanimate surfaces to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing and ironing clothes, each liquid composition having an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household functions, allowing the same aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the room to effect aromatherapy on persons within the room, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting essentially of water and alcohols.

31. (NEW) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons or animals within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a composition consisting of a liquid composition to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, dish washing with soaps, wood finishing and ironing clothes, the liquid composition comprising an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting of materials selected from the group consisting of water and alcohols.

32. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein two separate and different compositions each consisting of a liquid composition having the same aromatherapeutic essential oil are applied to different inanimate surfaces to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing and ironing clothes, each liquid composition having an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household functions, allowing the same aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the room to effect aromatherapy on persons within the room, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting of water and alcohols.

SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-21 and 26-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite with respect to the following terms and claims:

- a) Claims 1 and 27 contain conflicting limitations of "comprising" and "consisting of."
- b) The terms of "moisturizing," "dish soaps" and "ironing liquids" are not seen as proper elements in the household function Markush Group.
- c) The term "finishing" in claim 21 is vague.
- d) The term "moisturizing" is asserted to be vague.
- e) The term "foreign matter removal" is asserted to be vague as the metes and bounds are unascertainable.
- f) Claims 12 is asserted to not further limit claim 9.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-2, 4-21 and 26-28 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Cheung et al. (6,177,388)

Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Elliot (5,620,695)

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

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Claims 1-2, 4-20 and 26-28 Have Been Rejected under 35 USC 103(a) As Unpatentable over Ferguson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,045,813)

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Cheung et al. as applied to claims 1-21 and 26-28.